Electronic Telephone Exchange in Birbhum, West Bengal

563. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposol to set up an electronic telephone exchange in Birbhum district of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) A 400 line electronic exchange was proposed to be set up at Sainthia. The same has been commissioned on 14th November, 1987.

STD facility in certain places in Birbhum district

564. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of places in Birbhum district which have so far been provided with STD facility;

(b) when those places were provided with STD facility;

(c) whther there is any proposal to connect some more places with STD; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Three places namely Bolpur, Suri and Sainthia in Birbhum district so far have been provided with STD facility.

(b) Bolpur, Suri and Sainthia were provided with STD facility in March, 1984, December, 1984 and November, 1987.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone Exchanges in Birbhum district

565. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone exchanges in Birbhum district which have been commissioned so far; and

(b) what are the names of those exchanges and when those were commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Twenty-four, Sir.

(b) I. Exchanges commissioned prior to commencement of 7th Plan i.e. 1st April 1985:—

1. Ahmedpur
2. Bishanpur
3. Bolpur
4. Chaira
5. Dubrajpur
6. Illum Bazar
7. Kiranhar
8. Lahpur
9. Lohapur
10. Mayureswar
11. Mohammed Bazar
12. Mollarpur
13. Murarai
14. Nalhati
15. Narayanpur
16. Panchami
17. Purandarpur
18. Rajnagar
19. Rampurbat
20. Sainthia—Converted into electronic exchange in November, 1987.
21. Suri